

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	5/23/2012
BOARD MEETING	6/6/2012
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All Supervisorial Districts
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Request approval to extend the term of five Consultant Services Agreements (Agreements) for the provision of consultation services to Department of Mental Health (DMH) and DMH contracted providers seeking to site new mental health programs or facilities and for authority to execute similar agreements with additional qualified agencies.
PROGRAM	Will authorize the Department to extend the term of the existing Agreements that will allow qualified agencies to continue to deliver the needed support on an “as needed basis” to agencies that anticipate community opposition to Siting facilities or housing developments in neighborhoods where clients can readily access services or housing.
DEADLINES	None
COST & FUNDING	The funding will total \$50,000 for Fiscal Years (FY) 2012-13 through 2016-17. These agreements will be fully funded by State MHSA revenue.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Approval to extend the term of the following five existing Agreements with the following five consultants: 1) A Community of Friends; 2) Law Office of Kim Savage; 3) Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc.; 4) NAMI Urban Los Angeles; and 5) Step Up on Second. These agreements will allow these consultants to provide on an “as needed basis” support to the DMH and to DMH-contracted mental health providers in siting new mental health facilities and affordable supportive housing developments in accordance with DMH’s approved Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>The five Agreements are currently authorized through June 30, 2012. Approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH to extend the term of the existing Agreements and for authority to execute similar agreements with additional qualified agencies, which will allow qualified agencies to continue to deliver the needed support on an “as needed basis” to agencies that anticipate community opposition to siting facilities or housing developments in neighborhoods where clients can readily access services or housing. DMH will not guarantee a qualified contractor a specific project or a funding amount as this will be based on the specific needs for siting related consultant services. The amendments will be effective June 30, 2012 through June 30, 2013, with a provision for four one-year renewal periods.</p> <p>Siting issues and conflicts have been a long-standing obstacle and deterrent to establishing new community programs and facilities and/or affordable housing that serve individuals with mental illness. There have been numerous incidents in the past in which neighborhood coalitions have actively and vigorously protested sites selected to provide mental health services or affordable housing and, in some instances, have prevailed in having the program site moved elsewhere.</p>
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